

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

DATE: September 20, 2006

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:39 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 6:37 p.m.

### ATTENDANCE

#### Attending Members

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chair  
Greg Bowes  
William Oliver  
Lincoln Plowman  
Scott Schneider

#### Absent Members

Vernon Brown  
Sherron Franklin  
Lynn McWhirter

### AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 489, 2006 - approves an appropriation of \$2,579,000 in the 2006 Budgets of the Department of Public Safety, Police Division (Consolidated County Fund), Marion County Public Defender Agency (County General Fund), Marion County Prosecutor (County General Fund), Marion County Justice Agency (County General Fund), Marion County Clerk (County General Fund), and Marion County Sheriff (County General Fund) to fund the public safety and criminal justice initiatives associated with the Order issued by the Marion County Superior Court on August 9, 2006

“Do Pass as Amended”

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 490, 2006 - approves a transfer of \$120,000 in the 2006 Budget of the Marion County Public Defender Agency (County General Fund) to fund a contractual services agreement for the customization of a case management computer program

“Do Pass”

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 491, 2006 - appropriates \$44,927 in the 2006 Budget of the Marion County Public Defender Agency (State and Federal Grants Fund) to continue and expand an existing program called the Juvenile Disposition Project, funded by a federal grant administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute and by a transfer between characters of an existing grant

“Do Pass”

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 492, 2006 - appropriates \$40,000 in the 2006 Budget of the Marion County Public Defender Agency (County Grants Fund) to implement an educational advocacy pilot project to assist public defenders representing juveniles by assessing their educational needs, advocating on their behalf with the schools, and testifying in court as needed, funded by a grant from the Indianapolis Foundation, an affiliate of the Central Indiana Community Foundation

“Do Pass”

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 493, 2006 - appropriates a total of \$149,175 in the 2006 Budget of the Marion County Justice Agency (State and Federal Grants Fund) for the Metro Drug Task Force, financed by a US Department of Justice grant administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Agency

“Do Pass”

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 494, 2006 - approves an increase of \$2,562 in the 2006 Budget of the Marion County Sheriff (State and Federal Grants Fund) to appropriate a grant provided by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute to reimburse 75% of the cost of purchasing 7 hand-held radar guns

“Do Pass”

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 495, 2006 - approves an increase of \$84,032 in the 2006 Budget of the Marion County Sheriff (State and Federal Grants Fund) to appropriate a grant provided by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute to pay for salaries and fringes related to the Victim Assistance Unit

“Do Pass”

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 496, 2006 - appropriates \$1,754,266 in the 2006 Budget of the Information Services Agency (Information Services Internal Services Fund) to purchase hardware, software and services pertaining to a closed circuit television camera system for the Indianapolis Police Department and for the information technology portions of establishing the Indiana Fusion Center, financed by payments from Department of Public Safety federal grants

“Do Pass”

Vote: 5-0

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council met on Monday, September 20, 2006. Chair Mary Moriarty Adams called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m., with the following members present: Greg Bowes, William Oliver, Lincoln Plowman, and Scott Schneider. Absent were Vernon Brown, Sherron Franklin, and Lynn McWhirter.

PROPOSAL NO. 489, 2006 - approves an appropriation of \$2,579,000 in the 2006 Budgets of the Department of Public Safety, Police Division (Consolidated County Fund), Marion County Public Defender Agency (County General Fund), Marion County Prosecutor (County General Fund), Marion County Justice Agency (County General Fund), Marion County Clerk (County General Fund), and Marion County Sheriff (County General Fund) to fund the public safety and criminal justice initiatives associated with the Order issued by the Marion County Superior Court on August 9, 2006

Jeff Seidenstein, Budget Manager, said this proposal will appropriate funds to various city and county agencies to implement the provisions of the court's executive order that was issued in August, 2006. He said there is an amendment to this proposal to reduce the amount of appropriations for the Character 01 portion of the Prosecutor's Office budget (Exhibit A, attached). Mr. Seidenstein said that this amendment reduces the amount of money that needs to be transferred from the Consolidated County Fund to the County General Fund. The revised transfer is \$1,454,000. Mr. Seidenstein added that the digest of Proposal No. 489, 2006 will read "an appropriation of \$2,518,000" if the amendment is passed.

Councillor Schneider asked for clarification on the reduction. Mr. Seidenstein said that it was the Prosecutor's Office that brought the reduction to his attention. He said they realized they did not need as much money as they originally anticipated.

Councillor Bowes moved, seconded by Councillor Schneider, to "Amend" Proposal No. 489, 2006 per Exhibit A. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Seidenstein went on to explain the summary of Proposal No. 489, 2006 (Exhibit B, attached), which shows breakdowns per Character and the cost of the court's executive order for each agency. He added that all the executive order costs were accounted for in preparing the 2007 budget; however, this cost is only for 2006.

Councillor Bowes moved, seconded by Councillor Schneider, to send Proposal 489, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Chair Moriarty Adams asked for consent to hear Proposal Nos. 490, 491, and 492, 2006 together. Consent was given.

PROPOSAL NO. 490, 2006 - approves a transfer of \$120,000 in the 2006 Budget of the Marion County Public Defender Agency (County General Fund) to fund a contractual services agreement for the customization of a case management computer program

Dave Cook, Marion County Public Defender, said that since he has been the Public Defender they have struggled with data management and their ability to obtain necessary information in an updated manner. He said this information is essential in reporting on cases. Mr. Cook said this proposal was made in conjunction with the Information Services Agency (ISA), to work on developing a case management computer system.

Mr. Seidenstein said, originally, \$120,000 had been budgeted in Character 04 for computer equipment, but because they are modifying software, the money is needed in Character 03.

PROPOSAL NO. 491, 2006 - appropriates \$44,927 in the 2006 Budget of the Marion County Public Defender Agency (State and Federal Grants Fund) to continue and expand an existing program called the Juvenile Disposition Project, funded by a federal grant administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute and by a transfer between characters of an existing grant

Mr. Cook said this grant is available to the Public Defender's Office until June 30, 2007 and will provide alternatives to incarceration of juveniles. He said the local match of \$14,909 is comprised of the Juvenile Court and salaries and is already appropriated through general funds and the Public Defender's budget.

PROPOSAL NO. 492, 2006 - appropriates \$40,000 in the 2006 Budget of the Marion County Public Defender Agency (County Grants Fund) to implement an educational advocacy pilot project to assist public defenders representing juveniles by assessing their educational needs, advocating on their behalf with the schools, and testifying in court as needed, funded by a grant from the Indianapolis Foundation, an affiliate of the Central Indiana Community Foundation

Susan Boatwright, Division Leader of the Juvenile Division, distributed a document that indicated the problem in education that the County has encountered (Exhibit C, on file in the Council office). She went on to say that a bulk of the children that come to Juvenile Court come through school-related events, and of those children that are in the system, one-third of them have some sort of educational/special educational need that has not been addressed. She said they are approved for a grant of \$40,000 to do some in-depth work to meet some of the needs. Two individuals will be hired with this grant, to come in and work intensively with the families that were identified to receive assistance. She said the goal is to fully advise the court system of children that need additional work and to educate the parents and the school system. Ms. Boatwright said that in addition to the \$40,000 grant, they are able to match the additional \$10,000 to completely fund this project with in-kind services.

Councillor Oliver asked if the pilot program focuses on educating the school system on how to handle children versus sending them to the Juvenile Center. Mr. Cook replied in the affirmative and said the executive and steering committees are looking into who makes the determination as to which child goes into the juvenile detention system, what these determinations are based on, and whether they are appropriate. Ms. Boatwright said the problem is currently being worked on, and the school system has begun to take back the responsibility of dealing with their children in-house.

Councillor Bowes said he hopes the pilot program is successful and more resources can be put into the program.

Councillor Oliver moved, seconded by Councillor Bowes, to send Proposal Nos. 490, 491, and 492, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 493, 2006 - appropriates a total of \$149,175 in the 2006 Budget of the Marion County Justice Agency (State and Federal Grants Fund) for the Metro Drug Task Force, financed by a US Department of Justice grant administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Agency

Rose Ciesielski, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for the Marion County Justice Agency (MCJA) , said the goal of the Metro Drug Task Force (MDTF) is to investigate and arrest large scale and repeat drug dealers with the assistance of various law enforcement departments. She said the requested appropriation will fund personnel costs for the Metro Drug Task Force in Character 01. The remaining \$40,977 will be in Character 03 to reimburse contractual salaries for other county agencies.

Councillor Schneider asked how this appropriation compares to funding levels from prior years. Ms. Ciesielski said the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) is now doing funding in six-month increments, and this is the second increment and the funded has decreased. She said they are able to make up that funding with MDTF law enforcement funds.

Councillor Schneider asked if activities are being minimized due to the decrease. Ms. Ciesielski replied in the negative.

Brian Jennings, MDTF, said their budget was initially approved for 12 months; subsequently, ICJI informed everyone that there will be decreases after the first six months. He said they were looking forward to another \$90,000 from ICJI that they will not receive.

Councillor Schneider asked what the policy decision is regarding the task force. Mr. Jennings said the decrease in funding was a federal policy and not a local decision.

Elizabeth Allison, Grant Manager for MCJA, said a lot of the money that was in the Department of Justice (DOJ) has been given to Homeland Security due to the events of September 11<sup>th</sup> and Hurricane Katrina.

Councillor Schneider moved, seconded by Councillor Bowes, to send Proposal No. 493, 2006 to the full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Chair Moriarty Adams asked for consent to hear Proposal Nos. 494 and 495, 2006 together. Consent was given.

PROPOSAL NO. 494, 2006 - approves an increase of \$2,562 in the 2006 Budget of the Marion County Sheriff (State and Federal Grants Fund) to appropriate a grant provided by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute to reimburse 75% of the cost of purchasing 7 hand-held radar guns

Marianne Greve, Grant Coordinator for the Marion County Sheriff’s Department, said the seven hand-held radar guns will be used in selected enforcement areas, such as school zones, to enforce speed limits.

Councillor Oliver asked if anyone is looking into the time of day the radar guns are used and the hindrance it causes Marion County citizens financially. Ms. Greve said she can explain the need for the radar guns, but would have to refer to one of the deputies on the use of the radar gun. She indicated that she will get an answer for Councillor Oliver.

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Ms. Greve said this grant will provide salary and fringes for several of their victim advocates who provide services to victims; such as shelter, counseling, medical care, etc.

Chair Moriarty Adams asked how many salaries will be funded. Ms. Greve said three full-time salaries and one part-time salary will be funded for one year.

Councillor Schneider moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to send Proposal Nos. 494 and 495, 2006 to the full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

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Jason Buchanan, CFO for ISA, said this proposal is actually in line with Proposal Nos. 463 and 396, 2006, which have already been approved by the Council. He said ISA is a chargeback agency, which needs to request this appropriation and then will charge back the Public Safety Department for the closed circuit camera system. He distributed a handout that explains the source of funding (Exhibit D, on file in the Council office). Mr. Buchanan said ISA is only requesting funds for the Information Technology (IT) portion of these projects.

Councillor Bowes asked for clarification on the connection with previous proposals. Mr. Buchanan said the projects are one in the same, but ISA just needs to charge back the amount. He ensured the committee that there is no doubling of the cost.

Councillor Oliver asked for clarification on the buffer zone. Ms. Allison said the buffer zone is an actual grant program within Homeland Security, and the idea is to target certain buildings for surveillance.

Councillor Oliver moved, seconded by Councillor Plowman, to send Proposal No. 496, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

### CONCLUSION

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chair  
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

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